

EXHIBIT 1

24C1320 : USAA CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY O/B/O LINN V UPONOR INC.
DAVIDSON COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS

Case Number 24C1320
Case Type CIVIL COMPLAINT
Opened 05-24-2024
Status Pending

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| Plaintiff | USAA CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY O/B/O LINN, DEBRA |
| Defendant | UPONOR INC. |
| Judge | THOMAS W. BROTHERS - 6th Circuit |
| Amt. of Claim | \$74,999.99 |
| Jury/Non Jury | Non Jury |

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PLAINTIFF[s]

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DEFENDANT[s]

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208 SOUTH LASALLE STREET SUITE 814
CHICAGO, IL 60604

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07-22-2024
Plaintiff

Filed By: USAA CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY O/B/O LINN, DEBRA
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07-12-2024
Defendant

Filed By: UPONOR INC.
AGREED ORDER RE: EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO THE COMPLAINT

07-03-2024
Defendant

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06-17-2024
Plaintiff

Filed By: USAA CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY O/B/O LINN, DEBRA
AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE OF PROCESS D1-SERVED SERVICE RETURN - UPONOR INC. RT-06/06/2024

05-24-2024
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SUMMONS CERT MAIL-D1 W/C

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CIRCUIT COURT SUMMONS

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Service ID 436964

STATE OF TENNESSEE
DAVIDSON COUNTY
20TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

USAA CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY OBO DEBRA LINN

Plaintiff

vs.

UPONOR INC.
C/O NATIONAL REGISTERED AGENTS INC
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CHICAGO, IL 60604

Defendant

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DOCKET NO. 24C1320
Method of Service:
Certified Mail

To the above named Defendant:

You are summoned to appear and defend a civil action filed against you in the Circuit Court, 1 Public Square, Room 302, P.O. Box 196303, Nashville, TN 37219-6303, and your defense must be made within thirty (30) days from the date this Summons is served upon you. You are further directed to file your defense with the Clerk of the Court and send a copy to the Plaintiff's attorney at the address listed below.

In case of your failure to defend this action by the above date, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

ISSUED: 05/24/2024

JOSEPH P. DAY
Circuit Court Clerk
Davidson County, Tennessee

By:

B. Collins

Deputy Clerk

ADDRESS OF PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY OR PLAINTIFF:

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CERTIFICATION

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
COUNTY OF DAVIDSON)

I, Joseph P. Day, Clerk of the Circuit Court in the State and County aforesaid, do hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of the original summons issued in this case.

JOSEPH P. DAY, CLERK

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I hereby certify and return, that on the ____ day of _____, 20____, I sent, postage prepaid by registered return receipt mail or certified return receipt mail, a certified copy of the Summons and a copy of the Complaint/Petition in Docket No. 24C1320 to the Defendant, UPONOR INC. . On the ____ day of _____, 20____, I received the return receipt for said registered or certified mail, which had been signed by _____ on the ____ day of _____, 20____. Said return receipt is filed with the original Summons Return and both documents are being sent herewith to the Circuit Court Clerk for filing.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, ON THIS
PERSON

____ DAY OF _____, 20____.

PLAINTIFF, PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY or OTHER

AUTHORIZED BY STATUTE TO SERVE PROCESS

____ NOTARY PUBLIC or ____ DEPUTY CLERK

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: _____



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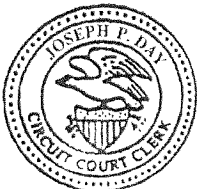
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I hereby certify and return, that on the 28th day of May, 2024, I sent, postage prepaid by registered return receipt mail or certified return receipt mail, a certified copy of the Summons and a copy of the Complaint/Petition in Docket No. 24C1320 to the Defendant, UPONOR INC. . On the 17th day of June, 2024, I received the return receipt for said registered or certified mail, which had been signed by UPONOR INC's registered agent on the 6th day of June, 2024. Said return receipt is filed with the original Summons Return and both documents are being sent herewith to the Circuit Court Clerk for filing.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, ON THIS PERSON

17 DAY OF June, 2024

Christine Donahoe

☒ NOTARY PUBLIC or ☐ DEPUTY CLERK
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES June 28, 2027

PLAINTIFF, PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY or OTHER

AUTHORIZED BY STATUTE TO SERVE PROCESS



SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION

- Complete items 1, 2, and 3.
- Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
- Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.

1. Article Addressed to:

Uponor, Inc.
c/o National Registered Agents Inc.
208 South LaSalle Street
Chicago, IL 60604
Suite 814

2. Article Number (Transfer from service label)

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY

A. Signature

X

☐ Agent

☐ Addressee

B. Received by (Printed Name)

C. Date of Delivery

D. Is delivery address different from item 1? ☐ Yes
If YES, enter delivery address below: ☐ No

3. Service Type

☐ Adult Signature

☐ Adult Signature Restricted Delivery

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☐ Certified Mail Restricted Delivery

☐ Collect on Delivery

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE
FOR THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT NASHVILLE**

**USAA CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY
a/s/o DEBRA LINNN,**

Plaintiff,

No. _____

Div. _____

v.

UPONOR, INC.,

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

COMES NOW the Plaintiff USAA Casualty Insurance Company (hereinafter also referred to as “USAA”) as subrogee of Debra Linn (hereinafter also referred to as “Ms. Linn”), by and through counsel, and brings this Action against Defendant Uponor, Inc. (hereinafter also referred to as “Defendant”) for damage to Ms. Linn’s improved real property in Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee, that occurred on or about June 25, 2023 as a direct result of the failure of Defendant’s product. As its Complaint, USAA would show unto this Honorable Court as follows:

PARTIES, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE

1. Plaintiff USAA Casualty Insurance Company is a foreign insurance company duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Tennessee.

2. Debra Linn is the owner of certain improved real property located at 4040 Overbrook Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37204 and, at all times relevant, Ms. Linn enjoyed coverage under a policy of homeowners insurance with USAA.

3. Upon information and belief, Defendant Uponor, Inc. is foreign corporation formed in the State of Illinois with its principal office located in the State of Minnesota that can be served

with process by and through its registered agent, National Registered Agents Inc., at 208 South Lasalle Street, Suite 814, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

4. Defendant is a manufacturer, distributor, and/or seller of consumer goods, including cross-linked polyethylene, or PEX, tubing. Defendant's products are distributed and sold in the State of Tennessee such that this Honorable Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 20-2-201, *et seq.*

5. Jurisdiction and venue are proper in Davidson County, Tennessee pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 16-10-101 and Tennessee Code Annotated § 20-4-101, respectively, as a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to this Action occurred in Davidson County, Tennessee.

FACTS

6. By incorporation through reference, USAA restates all previous allegations and averments.

7. At all times relevant, Ms. Linn has owned improved real property situated at 4040 Overbrook Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37204 (hereinafter also referred to as "Ms. Linn's home").

8. At all times relevant, Ms. Linn's home has utilized a recirculating hot water system that consists of, among other things, cross-linked polyethylene, or PEX, tubing to circulate water throughout the home to provide water service to appliances and plumbing applications.

9. Upon information and belief, Defendant manufactured, distributed, and/or sold the cross-linked polyethylene, or PEX, tubing utilized in Ms. Linn's home at the times relevant.

10. On or about June 25, 2023, Ms. Linn discovered water damage on the flooring in Ms. Linn's home.

11. Upon investigation, it was discovered that the water damage was emanating from a longitudinal split in the cross-linked polyethylene, or PEX, tubing running beneath the flooring and in the crawlspace underneath Mr. Linn's home.

12. Upon information and belief, the longitudinal split in the cross-linked polyethylene, or PEX, tubing was caused by a brittle failure of the tubing material due to oxidation when exposed to the water supply for Ms. Linn's home.

13. Upon information and belief, Defendant manufactured, distributed, and/or sold the cross-linked polyethylene, or PEX, tubing that failed in Ms. Linn's home and caused an uncontrolled discharge of water therein.

14. As a result of uncontrolled discharge of water occasioned by the failure of the cross-linked polyethylene, or PEX, tubing, Ms. Linn's home sustained damage.

15. As a result of uncontrolled discharge of water occasioned by the failure of the cross-linked polyethylene, or PEX, tubing, Ms. Linn incurred expense for mitigation of water damage.

16. As a result of uncontrolled discharge of water occasioned by the failure of the cross-linked polyethylene, or PEX, tubing, Ms. Linn may have sustained damage to her personal property and/or fixtures kept in the dwelling.

17. As a result of uncontrolled discharge of water occasioned by the failure of the cross-linked polyethylene, or PEX, tubing, Ms. Linn may have sustained damages consisting of allowable living expenses including, but not necessarily limited to, costs for meals and lodging while the Ms. Linn's home may have been in an uninhabitable state.

18. Pursuant to the policy of insurance, USAA made payments to and/or on behalf of Ms. Linn in an amount not less than \$70,708.94 (which includes Ms. Linn's deductible, if any) for the

damages caused by the failure of Defendant's product such that USAA is legally, contractually, and equitably subrogated to recover the same from Defendant.

CLAIM FOR RELIEF I: STRICT LIABILITY

19. Defendant is a manufacturer, distributor, and/or seller of products, including the cross-linked polyethylene, or PEX, tubing at issue, and is subject to strict liability for damages resulting from defects in those products.

20. The cross-linked polyethylene, or PEX, tubing at issue was in a defective and unreasonably dangerous condition when manufactured, distributed, and sold by Defendant because the tubing deviated in material respects from the physical and performance specifications of Defendant.

21. The defective and unreasonably dangerous condition of the cross-linked polyethylene, or PEX, tubing was the direct and proximate cause of the failure and malfunction of the tubing at issue, and the resulting damage for which USAA compensated Ms. Linn.

22. As a result of Defendant's defective product, Ms. Linn sustained damages for which USAA made payment pursuant to an insurance policy and, therefore, is legally, contractually, and equitably subrogated to recover the same from Defendant.

CLAIM FOR RELIEF II: NEGLIGENCE

23. Defendant had a duty to Ms. Linn, as a consumer and foreseeable user of the cross-linked polyethylene, or PEX, tubing, to exercise reasonable care in the design, manufacture, and sale of its products, including the tubing in Ms. Linn's home.

24. Defendant breached that duty by failing to exercise reasonable care in the design, manufacture, inspection, and testing of the cross-linked polyethylene, or PEX, tubing.

25. This breach of duty was the actual and proximate cause of the damages at issue in this Action.

26. As a result of Defendant's negligence, Ms. Linn sustained damages for which USAA made payment pursuant to an insurance policy and, therefore, is legally, contractually, and equitably subrogated to recover the same from Defendant.

CLAIM FOR RELIEF III: PRODUCTS LIABILITY

27. USAA asserts Defendant has violated the Tennessee Products Liability Act of 1978 found in Tennessee Code Annotated § 29-28-101, *et seq.*

28. Defendant is negligent and responsible for the defective condition in the cross-linked polyethylene, or PEX, tubing.

29. Defendant is a manufacturer of the cross-linked polyethylene, or PEX, tubing within the meaning of the Product Liability Act.

30. Ms. Linn sustained damages caused by or resulting from the manufacture, the construction, design, formula, preparation, assembly, testing, service warning, instruction, marketing, packaging, or labeling of Defendant's product, for which USAA has compensated Ms. Linn pursuant to a policy of insurance.

31. Defendant's product constituted a dangerous and defective condition which served as a direct and proximate cause of the damage to Ms. Linn's home.

32. The subject product was dangerous and defective the time it left the hands of the manufacturer and/or seller.

33. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence and omissions of Defendant, Ms. Linn's home sustained damage, for which USAA has made payment pursuant to a policy of insurance.

CLAIM FOR RELIEF IV: BREACH OF WARRANTY

34. When Defendant sold and/or distributed the subject product, the same was not fit for its ordinary purpose and should not have been considered merchantable.

35. The product was being used for its ordinary purpose and regular purpose at the time of the resulting damage.

36. As a direct and proximate result of the breach of the implied warranty for merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, Ms. Linn's home sustained damage, for which USAA has made payment pursuant to a policy of insurance.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiff USAA Casualty Insurance Company prays that the Court grant it judgment in an amount not to exceed \$74,999.99 for compensatory damages and, further, award its attorney's fees, discretionary costs, court costs, pre-judgment interest, and post-judgment interest.

Respectfully submitted,

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| Defendant. |) | |
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AGREED ORDER FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
FOR UPONOR, INC. TO RESPOND TO THE COMPLAINT

By agreement of the parties and for good cause shown, it is:

ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that Uponor, Inc. is granted an extension of thirty (30) days to respond to the Complaint. Uponor, Inc. will file a responsive pleading on or before August 7, 2024.

ENTER this _____ day of July, 2024.

Thomas W. Brothers
Circuit Court Judge

APPROVED FOR ENTRY:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned attorney, do hereby certify that on July 3, 2024 the foregoing pleading was electronically filed with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF filing system which automatically sends email notifications of such filing to the following attorneys of record:

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Judge Thomas Brothers, Sixth Circuit

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35. The product was being used for its ordinary purpose and regular purpose at the time of the resulting damage.

36. As a direct and proximate result of the breach of the implied warranty for merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, Ms. Linn's home sustained damage, for which USAA has made payment pursuant to a policy of insurance.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiff USAA Casualty Insurance Company prays that the Court grant it judgment in an amount not to exceed \$130,000.00 for compensatory damages and, further, award its attorney's fees, discretionary costs, court costs, pre-judgment interest, and post-judgment interest.

Respectfully submitted,

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